



On the fourth Sunday of the month,
the congregations of First Presbyterian and First United Presbyterian Churches
will be worshipping together.

Many years ago, our churches shared a history as one congregation
before our ties were broken by racism and sin.

Years later, we rejoice that we can participate in Christ's ministry of reconciliation
as we bear witness to God's faithfulness and grace.

Order of Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 2022
11 a.m.

Preparation

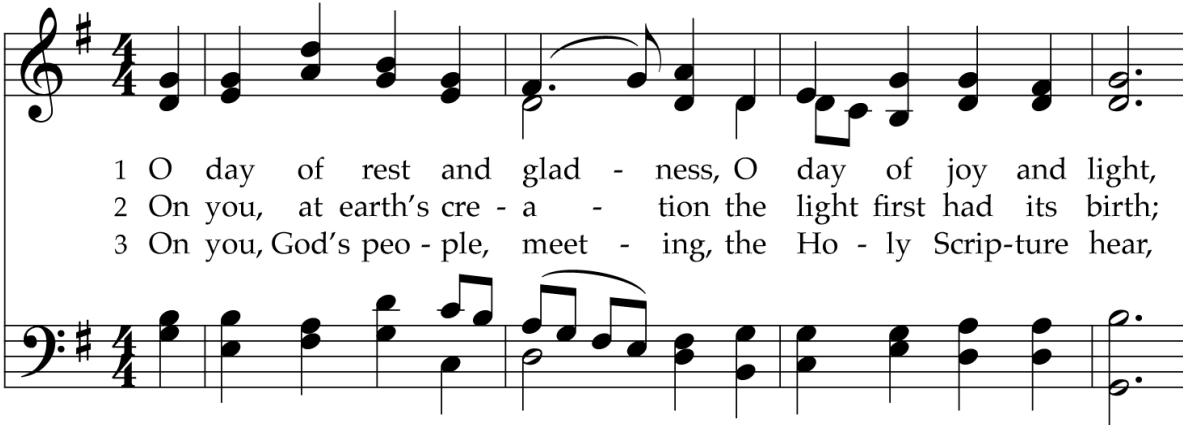
Prelude "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" Johann Sebastian Bach

Words of Welcome The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

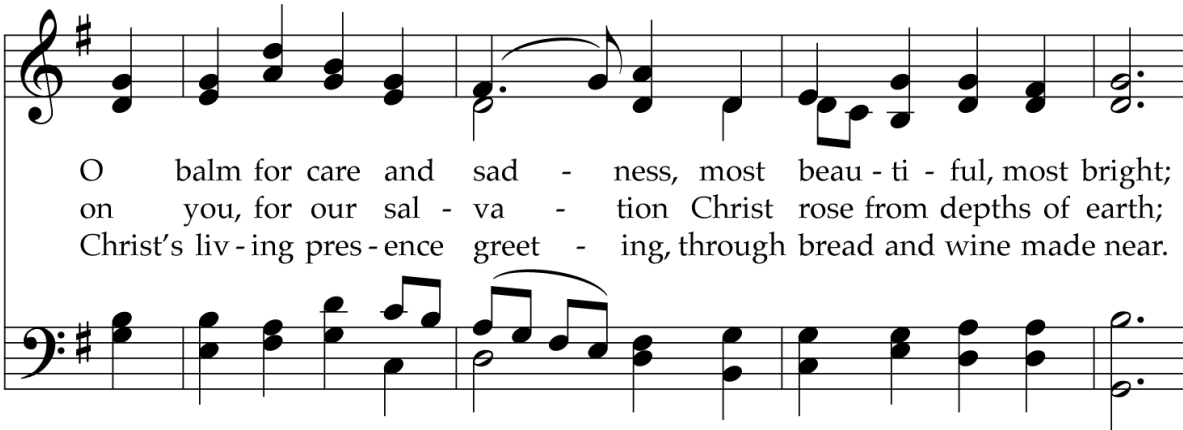
Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

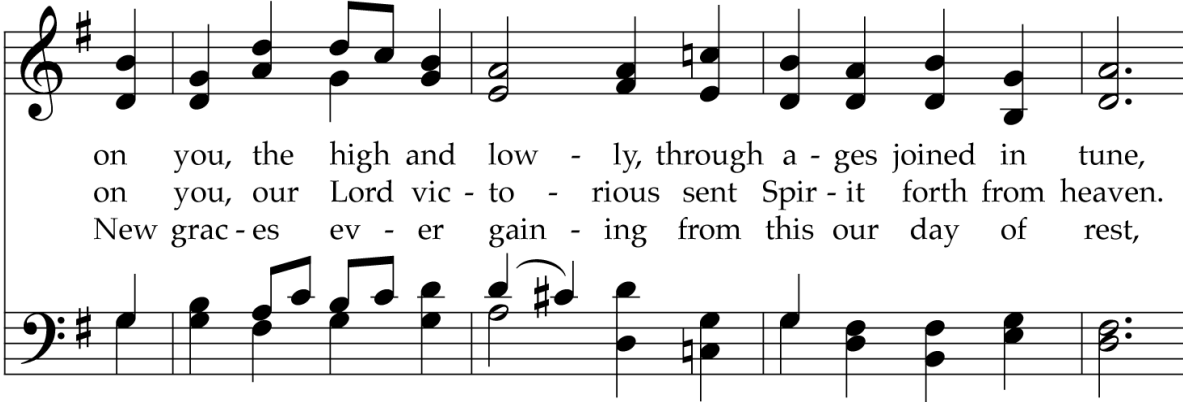
Choral Call to Worship Everett Williams/ed. Young
*This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us
rejoice! Amen!*



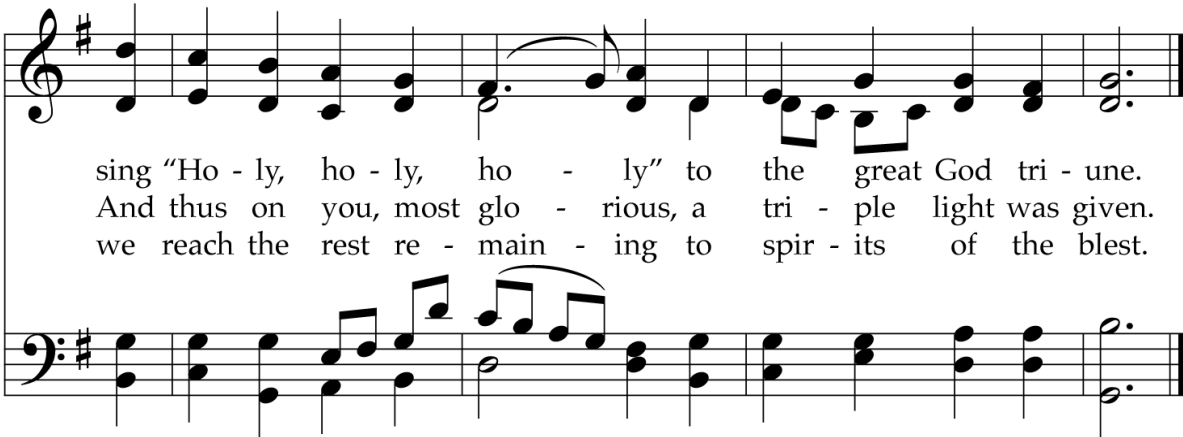
1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.



on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we confess that too often we want a faith that is easy and convenient: a faith that leads us to others who are just like us ethnically, socioeconomically, and intellectually. As wrong as we know this to be, we confess we struggle to be a community bound only by the one thing that matters: our common belief in you. Forgive us and help us to be people who are ready and willing to accept all who have put their trust in you.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 581)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

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Robert Charles Strubinger

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

First Church is on hiatus for the summer. Children will return to their seats after the baptism to worship with their families.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Lee Torrence by her family.

Charlie is the son of Cameron and Curtis Strubinger.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Caroline Sink.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Rich Neidinger upon the death of his mother, Dolores Neidinger ; and to Amy Brinkley upon the death of her father, Samuel B. Woods.

Scripture

Acts 9:10-22 (NKJV)

Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

Anthem

"Immortal, Invisible"

arr. Eric Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor waiting, Thou rulest in might: Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. Amen.

Sermon

"Have You Met Ananias?"

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

Anthem

"Here I Am Lord"

FUPC Praise Team

Response

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Robert Galloway

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Stewardship of Life

Montreat Youth Conference Commissioning
Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"
Sara Kidd, soloist

arr. Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord. Be thou my great Father and I thy true son; Be thou in my dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you. May the Shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

Our Pastors

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Rev. Peery is on sabbatical through August 31, 2022.

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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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First Presbyterian Church Announcements

Lemonade on the Lawn, Today, 12 p.m., Front Lawn

First Presbyterian Church's Global Missions Ministry will be hosting lemonade on the lawn immediately following worship today. Please stop by for some lemonade and to hear about or ask any questions about our global missions partners and trips. (Lemonade will be in the historic lobby if it is raining.)

Montreat Youth Conference, July 24-30, Montreat, NC

We ask for prayers for safe travels and good health as we attend the Montreat Youth Conference with our high school youth! Visit the church website to watch our youth "vlog" each day about their experiences.

Congregational Meeting, July 31, 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship on July 31 for the purpose of electing the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The nominees are: Steve Godwin, Cory High, Liana Humphrey, Elizabeth Little, Rich Neidinger, Kathy Ridge, and Jason Snead.

Choir and Handbell Registration

Registration is now open for choirs and handbells for the 2022-2023 school year. | To register, visit fpc.tiny.us/choir22.

First United Presbyterian Church Announcements

Join us for "Praise on the Square", July 28 at 7 pm. We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm and walk to Trade and Tryon.

Our next prayer walk will be July 30 at 9 am. We will meet at the church at 8:45 am.

In Loving Memory of

Don Houghton Phillips

October 12, 1934 - July 15, 2022

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.

Revelation 14:13

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